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ATTN: GROUP ART UNIT 1600

Sir:

We are writing to inquire about the status of the above-captioned application. On March 29th we called Group Art Unit 2800 to find out the status of this application and we were told to call Carol Bidwell in the PCT division since this application is a 371 of PCT Patent Application No. PCT/CA98/01137. Ms. Bidwell told us that the application was in IFW and that she thought it was probably assigned to Group Art Unit 1600 and that we should send a direct inquiry in writing to you.

Please let us know when we can expect to receive a first Office Action on the merits of this case. Thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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An office action can be expected by _____